

**House File 2475 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 636)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the review and permitting of sewer  
2 extensions and water supply distribution system extensions,  
3 and including effective date provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 455B.183, subsection 2, unnumbered  
2 paragraph 1, Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 Upon adoption of standards by the commission pursuant  
4 to [section 455B.173, subsections 5 through 8](#), plans and  
5 specifications for sewer extensions and water supply  
6 distribution system extensions covered by [this section](#) shall  
7 be submitted to the city or county public works department  
8 for approval if the local public works department employs or  
9 retains a qualified, licensed engineer who reviews the plans  
10 and specifications using the specific state standards known as  
11 the Iowa standards for sewer systems and the Iowa standards for  
12 water supply distribution systems that have been formulated  
13 and adopted by the ~~department~~ commission pursuant to section  
14 455B.173, subsections 5 through 8. The local agency shall  
15 issue a written permit to construct if all of the following  
16 apply:

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
18 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill relates to the review and permitting of sewer  
23 extensions and water supply distribution system extensions.

24 Under current law, plans and specifications for sewer  
25 extensions and water supply distribution system extensions  
26 are subject to approval and permitting by a city or county  
27 public works department if the local public works department  
28 employs a qualified, licensed engineer who reviews the plans  
29 and specifications using specified standards adopted by the  
30 environmental protection commission. Plans and specifications  
31 that are not subject to approval and permitting by a local  
32 public works department are subject to permitting by the  
33 director of the department of natural resources.

34 Under the bill, plans and specifications for sewer  
35 extensions and water supply distribution system extensions are

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1 subject to approval and permitting by a local public works  
2 department if the local public works department employs or  
3 retains a qualified, licensed engineer.  
4 The bill takes effect upon enactment.